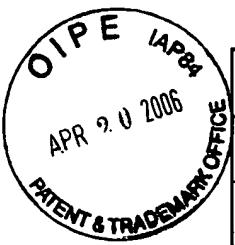


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Invention: METHOD OF REINFORCING A TOWER

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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 Large Entity Small Entity No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 50-0591 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 21, 2006 (Paper No. 031906), for continued examination Applicant hereby provisionally elects the species shown in Fig. 5 and therefore elects to continue examination of claims 1, 3-11, 13 and 30-35 that are deemed to correspond at least to the embodiment depicted in Fig. 5.

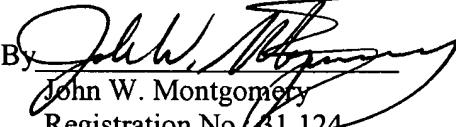
The Examiner has required restriction between claims directed to Figures 1, 4, or 5 considered by the Examiner to be patentably distinct species because the process steps of one specie is not required of the other specie.

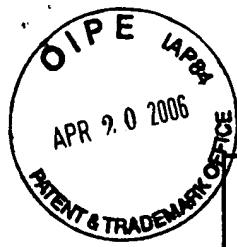
Applicant respectfully asserts that one or more of the claims may be considered generic and reserves the option to reassert the non-elected species claims when such a generic claim is found to be allowable, or to file a divisional application reasserting the withdrawn claims.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 17144/002002 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: April 20, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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